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TAGS: PEPR CH IN PK  
SUBJECT: MORE Q'S AND A'S ON KASHMIR, PAKISTAN AND CHINA

1. AT HIS JULY 9 PRESS CONFERENCE IN SRINAGAR, PRIME MINISTER DESAI REPORTEDLY REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT THE RECENT COMMENTS OF CHINESE VICE PREMIER SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION FOR KASHMIR REPRESENTED A "SLIDEBACK" IN EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS. HE REITERATED HIS POSITION THAT IF THE CHINESE WANTED TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT KASHMIR, HE WAS WILLING TO EXPLAIN THE INDIAN POSITION.

2. ALSO ASKED ABOUT GENERAL ZIA'S RECENT PUBLIC REFERENCES TO KASHMIR, DESAI SAID, "I DO NOT TALK TO THEM (PAKISTANI LEADERS) THROUGH THE PRESS. I WANT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN. IF HE (GENERAL ZIA) DOESN'T WANT IT, IT IS A DIFFERENT MATTER. BUT I THINK HE ALSO WANTS IT, BUT EVERYBODY DOESN'T FORGET OLD THINGS. AS FOR PAKISTAN'S  
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REJECTION OF INDIA'S PROTEST OVER THE KARAKORAM HIGHWAY, DESAI SAID, "I DON'T ACCEPT THEIR REJECTION." SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS GAVE A MORE EXTENDED VERSION OF DESAI'S REMAKRS. ACCORDING TO THE "NATIONAL HERALD", DESAI REJECTED A PURPORTED COMMENT BY SHEIKH ABDULLAH THAT KASHMIR COULD BE SETTLED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND SAID, "KASHMIR IS A PART OF INDIA. IF PAKISTAN

IS AGAIN HARPING ON THE KASHMIR QUSTION, WHAT ELSE  
THEY WILL TALK ABOUT." THE "HINDUSTAN TIMES" SAID  
THAT THE PM ADDED TO HIS COMMENTS ON THE KAROKARAM  
HIGHWAY DISPUTE, THE REMARK THAT PAKISTAN COULD NOT  
DO ANYTHING BUT REJECT THE PROTEST NOTE SINCE THE  
GOP HAD GONE AHEAD WITH THE HIGHWAY AGREEMENT  
AND CONSTRUCTION.  
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